

Amendment No. 1 to SJR0493

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**AMEND Senate Joint Resolution No. 493\***

By deleting all language of the resolution following the caption and by substituting instead the following:

WHEREAS, Article V of the United States Constitution requires the United States Congress to call a convention of the states upon application of two-thirds (2/3) of the legislatures of the several states for the purpose of proposing amendments to the United States Constitution; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that the Congress of the United States is directed to call a convention for proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States requiring that, in the absence of a congressional declaration of war or an economic recession, the total of all Federal appropriations made by the Congress for any fiscal year may not exceed the total of all estimated Federal revenues for that fiscal year, together with any related and appropriate fiscal restraints.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this application is to be considered as covering the same subject matter as the presently-outstanding applications concerning the convening of a convention to propose a balanced budget amendment from other states, including, but not limited to, Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, Colorado, Delaware, Florida, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Maryland, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Mexico, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, and Texas; and that this application shall be aggregated with such

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applications for the purpose of attaining the two-thirds (2/3) of states necessary to require the calling of a convention, but shall not be aggregated with any applications on any other subject.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this application shall be rescinded and void if at least two-thirds (2/3) of the legislatures of the several states have not made applications for similar relief pursuant to Article V by January 1, 2020.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to the Honorable Joseph R. Biden, Jr., Vice President of the United States and President of the United States Senate, Washington, D.C.; the Honorable John Boehner, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Washington, D.C.; to each member of the United States Senate and House of Representatives from Tennessee; and to the Archivist of the United States.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution also be sent to the presiding officers of the other state legislative bodies in the United States, with the request that the other states join Tennessee in applying to Congress to call a convention of the states for the limited purpose proposed in this resolution.